

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012
7:00 P.M.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: April 23, 2012, Executive Session April 23, 2012

3. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

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B. Green River Road Speed Display Sign

C. Clarification of Time Limits Parking Regulation

D. Discussion of Possible Food Truck Bylaw for 2013 ATM

E. Confirmation of Town Manager's Re-appointment of Hank Art and Sarah Gardner to the Conservation Commission with terms ending June 30, 2015.

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5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

8. Vote to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to non-union personnel and not to reconvene in open session.

**Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 2012 – 7 p.m.
Next Selectmen's Meeting is Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 7 p.m.**

MINUTES
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Present: Thomas E. Sheldon, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, Tom Costley, David A. Rempell, Ronald Turbin

Others Present: Charles Ransford, Jonathan Baker, Sandra Thomas, Leslie Reed-Evans, Brian Cole, Kyle Johnson, Paul Jennings, Donna Wied, Peter Bubriski, Cathy Yamamoto, Kozunori Oshima, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Sheldon reminded residents of the upcoming Town Meeting on May 15, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Elementary School gymnasium.
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** April 23, 2012, Executive Session April 23, 2012 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the April 23, 2012 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Turbin abstaining. Ms. Allen moved to approve the April 23, 2012 Executive Session minutes with a correction noting Mr. Turbin was absent from the meeting. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Turbin abstaining.
3. **LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

A. Request from Snowford Foundation, Charles Ransford, President, for Two One-Day Wine & Malt Beverage Licenses - Friday, August 17, 2012 and Saturday, August 18, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at 941 Hopper Road for a Destination 2012 Fundraiser. – Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Ransford's request for two one-day wine and malt licenses for an event he planned to hold on his property on Hopper Road that would host from 500 up to 5,000 motorcyclists. The event would be a rally that would feature music, primitive camping and rides around the county. Mr. Ransford said profits from the rental of the property would go to pay the property taxes on the land and the remaining funds would go to helping veterans. Mr. Ransford said by requesting a liquor license so that the beer can be sold by a vendor, he hopes to curb the attendees from riding back and forth from the area package stores. Selectmen asked him about his non-profit Snowford Foundation. He said he had applied for non-profit status and expects the approval in writing before the event. The Board asked Mr. Ransford about security for his event to which he responded that he would have a volunteer security staff. Mr. Jennings and Ms. Wied expressed their concerns; hearing of the event has taken them by surprise and they need to hear some hard and fast details. They said the neighbors are worried about the noise levels and traffic. Chief Johnson said he did not think much good could come of this event. Mr. Ransford said he would still have the event even if the liquor licenses were not approved.

Mr. Costley moved to deny the request from Snowford Foundation, Charles Ransford, President, for Two One-Day Wine & Malt Beverage Licenses - Friday, August 17, 2012 and Saturday, August 18, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at 941 Hopper Road for a Destination 2012 Fundraiser. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 4-1-0 with Ms. Allen voting against because she felt if the licenses were approved, the Board could have more control over the event.

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2012 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Paresky for a Last Chance Dance. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Selectmen Appointments – Agricultural Commission Alternate Member – Leslie Reed Evans – Mr. Costley moved to appoint Leslie Reed-Evans to the Agricultural Commission for a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2015. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Green River Road Speed Display Sign – Mr. Fohlin offered photos of two possible locations for the installation of speed display signs on Green River Road, one being at 1200 and the other at 1700. Mr. Rempell moved to approve the speed sign be placed at the 1700 location behind the guardrail. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (Photos attached)

C. Clarification of Time Limits Parking Regulation – Due to different interpretations of the Code of Williamstown, Section 130-58 Schedule IX: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours, the Board discussed whether a vehicle could be parked on Spring Street for not more than one hour a day or not more than an hour in one spot. Chief Johnson said it is difficult to know if cars move from one space to another when they just pull ahead one spot or within a few car lengths. This is the case when tickets are written. However, when a car moves from one side of the street or from one end to another, they are considered moved and would not likely get a ticket. No votes were taken.

D. Discussion of Possible Food Truck Bylaw for 2013 ATM – Mr. Fohlin brought this to the Board's attention due to the number of calls his office is receiving in reference to food trucks coming to the area. He asked the Board to consider developing a new food truck bylaw for the 2013 town meeting warrant. (sample bylaws are located in the Town Manager's office)

E. Confirmation of Town Manager's Re-appointment of Hank Art and Sarah Gardner to the Conservation Commission with terms ending June 30, 2015. – Mr. Rempell moved to confirm the Town Manager's re-appointment of Hank Art and Sarah Gardner to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Costley moved to re-appoint the above incumbents to their respective boards for the terms listed. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

H. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$143,183.13 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$143,183.13. Ms Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached and at www.williamstown.net

6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Sheldon said he was disappointed at the turnout of less than 15% at the polls on May 8. He asked the Board to think about what could be done

to improve that number. Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7 p.m. and the next Selectmen meeting is Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 7 p.m.

8. Ms. Allen moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to non-union personnel and not to reconvene in open session at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote, Aye, Tom Costley, Aye, Jane Allen, Aye, David Rempell, Aye, Thomas Sheldon, and Aye, Ronald Turbin.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Costley, Secretary